

7. The transport system according to claim 5, wherein the microtiter plates are transported by means of revolving tables with sliding units.

8. The transport system according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the modules is connected with a local computer with externally standardized interface and the transport and/or processing and/or loading and/or optical readout are/is controlled by a master computer via these interfaces.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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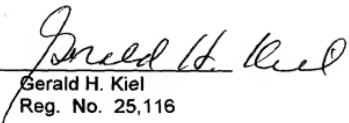
REMARKS

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled and new claims 5-8 have been added. These new claims have been added to amend the form of the previous claims and to eliminate multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee.

The specification and Abstract of the Disclosure have also been amended to conform to U.S. format.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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